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For : BIPOLAR HIGH FREQUENCY TREATMENT TOOL FOR ENDOSCOPE

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, §1.97-1.98,
Applicant hereby calls the following documents to the Examiner's attention:

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 10-165359, published on June 23, 1998,
together with an English language translation of the same;

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2000-271128, published on October 3,
2000, together with an English language translation of the same. Applicant notes that this
document is discussed on page 1 of the specification of the instant application;

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2002-253570, published on September
10, 2002, together with English language patent family member U.S. Patent Application
Publication No. 2002/0123667, published on September 5, 2002;

Japanese Patent No. 2528223, published on June 14, 1996;

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Japanese Patent No. 3086166, published on July 7, 2000; and

U.S. Patent No. 5,323,768 to SAITO et al., issued on June 28, 1994. Applicant notes that this document is a patent family member of above-mentioned JP 2428223 and JP 3086166.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the above materials and cite the patent documents and enclosed translations. Copies of the above-noted documents are attached and have been listed on a PTO-1449 Form which is also attached hereto. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached PTO-1449 Form and to return a copy of the Form to the Applicant with the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of these documents.

Applicant also brings to the Examiner's attention the following copending and commonly assigned patent applications:

U.S. Patent Application No. 10/404,556 to KIDOOKA, filed April 2, 2003, and entitled "Bipolar Hemostatic Forceps For An Endoscope";

U.S. Patent Application No. 10/404,557 to KIDOOKA, filed April 2, 2003, and entitled "Bipolar High Frequency Treatment Tool for an Endoscope";

U.S. Patent Application No.10/404,558 to YAHAGI et al., filed April 2, 2003, and entitled "Electrosurgical Scissors For Endoscopic Mucosal Resection"; and

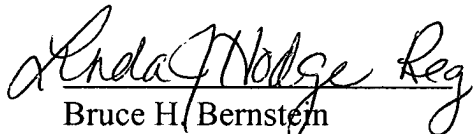
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U.S. Patent Application No. 10/404,559 to KIDOOKA, filed April 2, 2003, and entitled "Endoscopic Forceps Instrument".

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2)(iii), copies of the above-mentioned applications are attached hereto. However, the Examiner is also requested to review the file wrapper of these U.S. patent application at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and the references of record, if any, cited therein.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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